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Subject: WateReuse Association, California Section -- Comments on the California Water Plan Update 2005, Public Review Draft

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The California Section of the WateReuse Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2005. The Sections' membership includes public water and wastewater agencies, as well as private business interests from around the state. Promoting cost effective development of water recycling opportunities is one of the key focuses of the California Section.

We would like to commend the Department of Water Resources for the work it has done on the Water Plan. The forward thinking perspective of the Water Plan is especially encouraging. It is also encouraging that the foundational action for sustainability includes water recycling as part of the water use efficiency component. We strongly support the first initiative in the Water Plan to promote integrated regional water management and its inclusion of water recycling. The plan has appropriately identified water recycling as one of the most promising potential sources of additional water supply for the state.

In its conclusion the Water Plan acknowledges that to ensure sustainability, water recycling (as part of water use efficiency) is a foundational action.

The Water Plan recommendations to be commended include:

- ❖ The need to invest in efficient water management, like water recycling;
- ❖ The need to develop broad and realistic funding strategies that include public investment in water resource development; and
- ❖ That the state should invest in research and development to help with developing promising water technologies, like water recycling.

However, we are concerned about a lack of mention of support for implementation of other recommendations contained in the report of the Water Recycling Task Force. Many of these recommendations require support from state agencies and are vital to achieving the expectations for water recycling contained in the Plan.

Sincerely,

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